

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### MICHIGAN.

George Wenderath, son of wealthy parent in Chicago, committed suicide in a fit of despondency, at the Little Rock Sanitarium on Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Dickerson and Mrs. Charles Sturges, were struck by lightning during a severe thunder storm Saturday night at Battle Creek.

By an explosion at the Lake Superior Powder Company's nitro-glycerine in Marquette Monday morning, four men were blown into fragments. One thousand pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded, blowing the building and contents to atoms, and cutting off trees as large as a man's body. The killed are Charles Hatch, Peter Dodge, Herman Exstrom and a Cornish man, name unknown.

While some scientific young gentlemen from Detroit were demonstrating before an assembly of farmers at Madison grange last week, an iron roof exploded with much force, starting the audience and injuring the experimenters. The hand of Ed. Treat was lacerated, necessitating the amputation of one or two fingers, and the face of Mr. Bredon was badly disfigured.

Another test well is to be sunk at Cheboygan, in another part of the city.

Fenton's high school, it is stated, has furnished material for four runaway matches the past year. The latest was last Wednesday, the parties being Beta Kirby aged 19, and Gerty Phillips, aged 22.

Mystery attends the fate of Bridget. Dawson found dead in the streets of Grand Rapids Feb. 23. Her husband and sons testified that they never knew her to use liquor, and that their home life had always been pleasant. When the body was found, it had on no drawers, the skirts were thrown up above the knees, and the dress was open at the neck. The coroner states that since the inquest began, fragments of a woman's drawers have been found in the vicinity of where the body lay. The coroner is half inclined to the belief that the woman was drugged by some half-drunk rowdies, who kept her wandering about the street half the night and then let her alone to die in the cold, after diverting her certain articles of underdress and possibly violating her person.

The Adrian Common Council has removed Frank Stanton from the office of Recorder and asked Geo. Jerome to remove T. J. Navin from the office of Mayor for malfeasance in connection with the water board scandal.

Mayor Thibault of Coldwater, has caused the arrest of S. B. Kitchel, ex-prosecuting attorney of Branch county, charged with libel in an article in the Bronson Journal in which it is assumed that the mayor was concerned in the late arson case.

Cris Kern's brewery at Port Huron was burned Tuesday morning. Loss \$120,000, insurance \$50,000.

It is now thought that five men were killed by the nitro-glycerine explosion at Marquette Monday. About 2,300 pounds exploded instead of 1,000, as first reported.

By a fire at Three Rivers Tuesday morning five buildings were consumed, owned as follows: W. F. Arnold, store building; Jacob Bohr, saloon building; Mrs. Chaplain, millinery store; Wm. W. Wood, hardware. Loss \$120,000. Insurance \$60,000.

Walter Lapper, who stole a watch at Big Rapids, and allowed his wife to take on herself the responsibility and go to jail for his act, while he made his escape, was arrested at Denver and brought back by Marshal Vincent.

On Monday one Michael Dyer of Montreal, came to Marquette's dock and said he wanted shelter, as some men were trying to kill him. He was locked up, and at 3 o'clock p. m. was found dead, hanging suspended by a towel. The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

In the recent charter elections the Democrats elected their tickets in Howell and Dexter, the Republicans elected theirs in St. Johns, the citizens there in Rochester and the temperance men there in Sarnia.

A company has been organized at Jackson for the manufacture of book and manilla paper with a capital stock of \$1,500,000.

Stephen D. Byratt, a young man of Ann Arbor, is charged with having called at the residence of Miss Fannie Hobson Tuesday evening, and as she opened the door, firing a pistol which grazed her forehead. It is said she had received from him a number of threatening letters, warning her not to keep company with a certain other young man.

Charles W. Pond, the abounding clerk of the Farmers' national bank of Constantine, who embezzled the funds of the bank to the amount of seven thousand dollars, was caught by Sheriff John A. Dice of St. Joseph county, at San Francisco, Cal., Tuesday, and is on his way back.

The new Jackson paper company is organized as follows: President, James O'Donnell; vice president, Henry D. Moore; secretary, P. B. Loomis; treasurer, Addison R. Robinson; auditor, Walter J. Hays; directors, Geo. L. Smalley, W. B. Reynolds, C. C. Bloomfield, R. L. Carlton, H. D. Moore, James O'Donnell, W. C. Hays.

A. W. Hamilton has bought out the Chase Publishing company of Toledo, and purchased the royalty on the Chase receipt book. The price paid for the whole was about \$3,500.

The number of students enrolled in the University up to Wednesday was 1,834, exactly the same number that had been enrolled last year up to a corresponding date.

Isaac Richardson of Kalamazoo, aged 89 years, committed suicide Wednesday by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor, at Pine Grove in Van Buren county. The cause was grief at the death of his wife about three months ago.

James Garbett, Richard S. Brown, Fred Bartlett, James Scott and John Lynch were arrested and arraigned on Wednesday before Justice Beach at Pontiac for breaking into freight cars on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad on the 4th and 8th of March respectively, for the purpose of stealing rides. The accused were committed to jail in default of \$100 bail each.

The lighthouse at Sand Beach was lighted on the 8th-Thursday Bay is clear of ice, and navigation is declared to be opened.

Great numbers of wild pigeons have been seen at Niles during the past week, very high in the air, flying north. Pigeons have not been stopped in this section of the country for ten years.

Ex-Gov. Baldwin and Bishop Harris were in Ann Arbor last week looking at different sites for the proposed Episcopal Hall, for the erection of which a project is on foot. The plan is to erect a building to cost about \$60,000, where students from Episcopal families may room and board, and to raise an endowment fund sufficient for its maintenance, the total sum now deemed necessary for the project being \$200,000.

Frank Duce of Jackson, the man who was run over by an engine on the 8th, died at 2 o'clock this morning after having suffered the amputation of an arm and leg.

At Charlotte, on Thursday, the widow of the late Capt. James W. Hick took a large dose of morphine, mistaking it for quinine, but may survive.

The Menominee Herald says: There are seventy men employed on the Little Piquette Falls Improvement. The committee which examined the work last Thursday was pleased with the progress being made.

Lake City Journal: P. H. McCracken, who left this county a few weeks ago for parts unknown with about \$1,500 of Bradford town, ship money, besides beating others out of various amounts, and also a Detroit firm out of \$400, is now in jail in Petersburg, Va. awaiting a requisition on the governor of Virginia.

James Bemis has been sentenced at Port Huron to four years in the state prison for the abduction of Augusta Smith.

Thieves entered the residence of Mrs. S. Fox, 13 Madison Ave., Detroit, Wednesday night and stole watches and jewelry valued at from \$500 to \$1,700. The articles are mostly marked with the initials "F."

Jeremiah Godfrey, a well known citizen of Detroit, died Thursday morning aged 68. He came to the city in 1835.

Wm. McDunn, a brakeman on the D. L. & Northern railroad, was run over by the cars near Meadville, Thursday night, and so much mangled that he died in about two hours.

Samuel McCord, an old Washburn county pioneer, died of paralysis in Salem Thursday night, aged 80 years.

The examination of Byratt, accused of shooting at Jennie Hobson at Ann Arbor, has been continued, and his bond increased to \$2,000.

The depot at Minden, on the Port Huron and North Western railroad, was burned Thursday night. The books and telegraph instruments were saved, but considerable freight was destroyed. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

At Tuscola a movement is on foot to raise funds for the purpose of more thoroughly investigating the coal prospects. It is proposed, providing a sufficient sum can be raised, to sink a shaft large enough to satisfy beyond a doubt that there are strata of sufficient magnitude to warrant mining.

D. B. Hibbard, of Jackson, desires to proceed with the work on his new opera house, on Cortland street. The plans for the interior have been completed, and the supervision of the work will be made under the direction of Mr. Frank Armstrong, theatrical architect and scenic artist. The building will be heated by steam and the gas lighted by electricity, having a seating capacity for 1,500 people.

Justice Chipman has denied the motion for a new trial of the libel case of Peoples against the Detroit Evening News.

The first of a series of 50 lectures in the Detroit trade school for nurses began last week in the Michigan college of medicine.

The state legislature concluded its session on Saturday 11 inst.

The hotel at Indian River near Cheboygan burned with a loss of \$2,000 and no insurance.

Col. Norris asks an appropriation of some \$3,000 for services rendered as commissioner of the National yellow stone Park before the office became a salaried one.

G. J. G. Parkhurst of Coldwater, is subscription agent for Michigan in behalf of the army of the Cumberland to raise \$200,000 for a Great War monument.

Mrs. Hart of Grand Rapids, died on the effects of a surgical operation to remove a tumor. Her husband claims that her death resulted from malpractice and demands an investigation.

An immoveable belt for the Michigan Car Co., Detroit, has just been finished by the Croul Brothers, at a cost of \$700.

The postoffice at Valley Mills, Texas, and nine other buildings, were demolished by a cyclone on the 6th, and all the stamps destroyed.

Secretary Lincoln has responded to the call of the Governor of Illinois for relief to the sufferers of Poland county by the flow of the Ohio river.

Ex-Senator Conkling's special messenger arrived at Washington Monday afternoon, bearing to the President Mr. Conkling's declaration of the appointment as Supreme Judge.

Mrs. Thomas Ward, a young married woman in London, Ont., drowned herself on Monday by leaping into the Thames. Her married life had been a sad one, and she was laboring under temporary insanity.

By the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the sugar cases, the ruling of Secretary Sherman and other secretaries of the treasury has been reversed, and importers given the point for which they have contended, that color and not strength should be the test. Between two and three million will have to be refunded.

The banking house of C. A. Sweet & Company, Boston, has suspended, with liabilities between three and four millions. The house has been advancing to the Massachusetts Central Railroad, taking and placing its bonds, which have shrunk in value.

Mr. Beecher, who was taken ill at Chicago during the delivery of his lecture, died Monday night at his residence. He says that for five minutes before he stopped lecturing he was unable to see anything, owing to a rush of blood to the head, and his feet and hands were cold as ice.

Oberlin O. had her severest fire Monday night. Goodrich book store, Gardner drug, Brown the historic druggist, Carter & Wood hardware, Tobie harness maker, the Elm building, Herriett's building, skating rink, and three dwellings were entirely consumed.

David Hays, known as the "Fat Boy", and undoubtedly the biggest man in the world, died of small-pox in the pest house at Pittsburg, Monday. He was 29 years old and weighed 700 pounds.

Secretary Kirkwood has directed the commissioner of the land office to designate superintendents of schools in Montana, Dakota, Arizona, Idaho and Wyoming to select 72 sections of lands in the territories for educational purposes, as provided under the act of congress of February 18, 1861.

The supreme justice has been offered to Senator Edmunds who has also declined the honor.

Ohio men make no bones of asking favors of the federal government, hence Columbus wants \$350,000 for a government building.

The overflow of waters on the bottoms of Tennessee, Arkansas and other states is raising great suffering and disaster, and the government is asked to furnish tents and rations for the suffering thousands.

As Mrs. Harriet Bell, of Boston, was entering her house, and at the foot of the stairway, Tuesday morning, a stranger drew a knife and plunged it in the neck of the unfortunate woman, causing almost immediate death.

On Monday last, in Chicago, 60 true bills of indictment were returned against keepers of gambling houses, 39 against the owners of the houses, and two against an agent who rented certain buildings.

Representatives of the national glucose association are in Washington to approve the proposed legislation in regard to the manufacture of glucose sugar. Men claim that their products are pure and harmless, giving employment to 5,000 persons, who will be turned out of work if the bill in contemplation shall pass.

As the result of a stupid diagnosis, small-pox

is raging at Morgan Center, O. There are 40 or more cases reported, and four deaths have occurred in the last three days. The disease was mistaken for chicken-pox and other cutaneous eruptions, and has been treated with the simplest remedies, the contagious character being unsuspected.

The Secretary of War is informed that 18,000 persons in Mississippi, 20,000 in Arkansas and 5,000 in Tennessee are without supplies or means for securing them. The rations issued by the war department at these points will probably last until next week. Twenty thousand rations were ordered to be sent to Tennessee.

Arrold Howard and Francis Young, were lodged to jail at Del Norte, Cal., for cattle stealing. On Saturday night, 100 mounted men, and to be stockmen from Rio Grande and San Luis valleys, rode down the prison guards, and began firing in all directions. As the jail was broken open, the prisoners attempted to escape, but both were killed.

"Jumbo" is the largest elephant in the world. London desires to keep him; Baroness Justice (to get him, despite the injunction of the city) to prevent his removal, and telegraphs his agent in London: "Don't let him go. We must have Jumbo. Has expended \$30,000 for engraving, lithography and colored posters representing the largest elephant in the world standing beside little Bridgeport, the smallest elephant in the world."

While the house of Joseph Metton of Newark, O., was on fire, and passage by the halls was prevented by the flames, two young men jumped from the second story and Mary Nagle, a young lady 18 years old, perished in the flames.

The Star-routes are held to be as follows: Geo. Brady \$2,000; S. G. Gabel, \$5,000; J. R. Minor, \$5,000; W. H. Turner, \$2,500; Kate M. Armstrong, H. M. Vail, J. P. Sweet, J. W. Donohue, W. B. Barenge, W. W. Jackson, C. N. Dickerman, \$1,000 each, a J. A. Mixon \$1,500.

Joseph R. Smith, of Lockland, O., pointed a revolver at a boy's head and snipped it in fun, but the pistol "went off" and killed the boy. Smith knew the revolver had a charge in it, but thought the hammer would fall in an empty chamber.

New Orleans is in trepidation lest she also be inundated, and 2,000 men are vigorously at work on the levees.

The steamer Sidney, en route from Cincinnati to Wheeling, when near Ripley Landing, W. Va., twenty miles above Pomeroy, at 8 o'clock Friday morning, burst the main steam pipe and instantly killed Mrs. Little and a grandson, of Maryville, Ky., and fatally wounded Mrs. Stephenson of Portsmouth, O., wife of the pilot of the boat.

In the Christianized divorce suit Friday a reporter testified that he visited Mrs. Christianity on the morning of January 4, 1881, after the divorce in evidence by Bill Dyer, were published. She said she had an object in publishing in the style she did, and she was giving him (Dyer) "a kick."

The overflow of waters in all the southwest is disastrous and alarming. On the Red river hundreds of families are living on rafts. The Bayou Sara levee is crumbling away like dust, and the water is spreading far and wide over the country, and will overflow the best sugar districts of Louisiana.

Intelligence comes of the death of Rev. Henry Highland Garnet of New York, and consul to Liberia.

The report was false that the James gang of robbers had been captured.

The steamship Germania, from New York, has just taken out \$150,000 in gold and \$142,000 in silver bars. The motive for the shipment is not understood, as the rate of exchange is below the shipping point.

Director Condit, of the Mechanics' National Bank of Newark, N. J., under arrest at the instance of Frenchburg, has been released on \$250,000 bail.

The track of the main line of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad is now completed twenty miles northwest from Denver.

The New York hotel keepers' association law legislation which will furnish the city with "drawn" and properly prepared poultry.

To be dishonorably discharged and eight years' imprisonment, is the penalty attached to Sergeant Mason for shooting at Guitau.

The western glass association at Pittsburgh have agreed to advance the price of glass from 3 to 5 per cent.

The Union Pacific railroad reports for the year total earnings \$24,585,217, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the previous year, with net profit of over eleven and a half million dollars.

FOREIGN.

London dates, March 23, say the Russo-Jewish committee has prepared a statement confirming the reports of outrages on Jews in Russia, including many cases of murder and rape which the recent British consular reports discuss.

The committee's report is founded on letters received from persons occupying high financial positions in the Jewish community, and upon the personal evidence of Jewish refugees. A letter from an eminent rabbi indicates that steps have been taken by the Russian authorities to conceal the truth.

There was a bi-metallic meeting in London on the 9th attended by 1,200 persons, including many prominent business men, the ministers from the United States, Greece, Holland, Romania and Chili. Letters of approval were read from the German and French ministers, and several members of the British Parliament spoke in favor of free coinage of silver.

Shakespeare's death has been more surprised at the effect of his death speech than himself. Ignorant has informed him that the car had nothing to do with his recall, which was a simple act of military discipline, and that it will not prevent his seeing the emperor at a fitting moment, like all other officers of his rank.

A reader of a scientific journal asks "How to clean a boiler." It is the easiest thing in the world. Simply let the water get too low and the steam too high, and the boiler will not only be "cleaned out" with remarkable impetuosity, but pretty much everything else in its immediate vicinity will be cleaned out with it. It never fails.

Fossils have been found in meteorites.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Jan. 31, 1879.

GENTLEMEN: Having been afflicted for a number of years with indigestion and general debility, by the advice of my doctor I used Bitter, and must say they afforded me almost instant relief. I am glad to be able to testify in their behalf.

THOS. G. KNOX.

Ortani & Co., four merchants of Adrianople Turkey, have failed. Liabilities, \$50,000. The failure is owing to the crisis at Lyons.

MOTHERS DON'T KNOW.—How many children are punished for being uncouth, wild, and indolent to instruction or reward, simply because they are out of health! An intelligent lady said of a child of this kind: "Mothers don't know that if they would give their children the moderate dose of Fox Bitter for two or three weeks, the children would be all a parent could desire."

AN UNUSUAL FUROR.

A Recent Excitement Investigated by the Herald and the Results Made Public.

(Cleveland, O., Herald.)

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I feel, therefore to anticipate any further inquiries and save time and labor, and some pointing, by saying that the statement of Dr. Henion is true so far as it concerns myself, and I believe it to be true in all other respects, as having been made by me and I visited him in his sickness. I urged him to take the medicine and would do the same again to any one who was troubled with a disease of the kidneys and liver.

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